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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN COMMENTS ON KISSINGER VISIT AND
US CHINA POLICY

1. OCTOBER 28 LOCAL PRESS CARRIED VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF
REMARKS BY FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN TO THE FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN DURING AN
OCTOBER 27 CLOSED SESSION. WITH REGARD TO KISSINGER'S RECENT
VISIT TO PEKING, SHEN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE USG AND GROC
"CONSISTENTLY MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT ON MATTERS CONCERNING
IMPORTANT US/ROC INTERESTS."

2. SHEN ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT CHANGES IN THE INDOCHINA
SITUATION, THE HOLDING OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE,
AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF WIDESPREAD ANTI-MAO MOVEMENTS ON THE
MAINLAND HAD CAUSED THE PRC TO PANIC AND ATTEMPT TO USE THE
FORD VISIT TO STIR UP CONFLICT BETWEEN THE US AND THE
SOVIET UNION. BUT, HE REPORTEDLY ADDED, BASIC
CONTRADICTIONS EXIST BETWEEN THE US AND THE MAINLAND AND IT

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WAS DIFFICULT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

3. ACCORDING TO SOME NEWSPAPERS, SHEN ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE USG HAS ASSERTED THAT ITS PRESENT STAGE OF CHINA POLICY IS PRIMARILY BASED ON TWO PRINCIPLES: A) TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH THE ROC AND HONOR ITS DEFENSE COMMITMENT AND B) AT THE SAME TIME TO ABIDE BY THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND CONTINUE TO SEEK NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

4. SHEN ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AFTER THE FALL OF INDO-CHINA, FORD HAD REPEATEDLY AFFIRMED THE US WOULD HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS TO ALLIES AND ON TWO OCCASIONS HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ROC/US RELATIONS, THAT THE US VALUES THE RELATIONS, AND GUARANTEES IT WILL HONOR ITS TREATY COMMITMENTS TO THE ROC.

5. COMMENT: SHEN'S REMARKS AS CARRIED IN THE PRESS APPEAR TO BE AIMED PRIMARILY AT RELIEVING DOMESTIC ANXIETIES RESULTING FROM THE KISSINGER VISIT TO PEKING BY GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US HAS BEEN KEEPING THE GROC FULLY INFORMED ON ITS CHINA POLICY AND THAT THE GROC IS CONFIDENT THE USG WILL NOT SACRIFICE THE INTERESTS OF THE ROC IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE PRC.

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